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In reply refer to: TMF/MODD

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Re: Joint Customer Comment on TBL's 2004 Programs In Review, September 15, 2004
Request for Additional Time to Comment on Sub-115 kV Maintenance

Dear Ms. Leone:

Thank you for PPC's comments and participation in TBL's Programs in Review process. On August 3 and September 11 and 14, PPC asked for clarification regarding maintenance expense as it relates to TBL's sub-115 kV transmission system. TBL responded by updating its regional meeting notes and with written comments on September 3 and 10, but on September 15, which was the deadline for submitting comments, there was a last-minute exchange of emails and phone calls between TBL and your staff regarding this particular maintenance expense. Included in this discussion was a request from your staff to extend the comment period.

Although we declined to extend the comment period at that time, we are reconsidering our decision regarding the extension on this limited issue since your original request for clarification was made weeks in advance of the deadline. We do not agree, however, with the statement in your letter that suggests that comments in the Programs in Review process are subject to the Administrative Procedures Act. Our reconsideration is based on the issue of fairness given PPC's timely request for clarification.

I will advise you of our decision shortly.

Sincerely,

/s/ Madonna R. Radcliff

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